

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

This chapter talks about the background of the study, statement of problems, purpose of the study, significant of the study, scope and limitation, and definition of key terms.

1.1 Background of the study

O'Dell and McCarthy (2010) define that idiom is words or phrase whose meaning cannot be understood just by seeing individual word. So, we cannot guess the meaning of a sentence by translating it word by word. We have to pay attention to the context when idiom is used. Sometimes, it is difficult to get the real meaning of an idiomatic expression because it does not always mean what the words say.

When learning English, understanding idiom is important as native speakers do not really use the basic level of English for communication. In other words, they often use some idioms which cannot easily be understood by EFL learners. For example, native speakers often say "Don't cry over spilt milk" Instead of "don't regret what has happened" when having conversation. That is why learning idiom is important for us as learners.

Idiom itself has the typologies. Vellupilai (2012) defines typology as the study of structural differences of languages. Evans (2009) has classified the typology of idiom into four typologies. They are encoding/decoding, grammatical/extra-grammatical, formal/substantive, with Pragmatic point/without

pragmatic point. It is very important to understand each of typology of idiom because we are able to know the detail of classification of idiom we have found when understanding them. Understanding the detail of classification of idiom helps us to know what idiom is about. The use of idiom is also applied in many contexts. One of it is movie.

Many English movies use idioms in the dialogue. Because movies represent the daily life of people and idiom is surely involved in the dialogue. Moreover, when the genre of the movie is comedy movie. Idiom is often used because the dialogue of the characters is similar to native speakers' conversation in real life. Native speakers use idioms in their real life conversation and movie uses idioms to make movie conversation more natural. That is why movie uses idiom.

People who do not understand idiom often get difficulty to understand the content of the movie because they do not know the concept of idiom. When people comprehend the basic concept of idiom, they will recognize easily the idioms found in the movie. People often try to get the meaning of the idiom by translating it word by word, and it results wrong meaning.

Based on the explanation above, the researcher wants to conduct the research entitled "An analysis of Typologies of English Idiomatic Expressions in Dumb and Dumber Movie". Furthermore, the researcher hardly found the investigation of idioms conducted in a movie context. That is this research is crucial to do.

1.2 Statement of the problem

Based on the background of study, the problems in this research are elaborated into two questions, they are :

1. What are types of idiom used by three main characters of Dumb and Dumber movie ?
2. What are typologies of idiom applied by three main characters of Dumb and Dumber movie ?

1.3 Purpose of the study

According to statement of the problem, the purposes of the study are presented below, they are :

1. To find out the types of idiom used by three main characters of Dumb and Dumber movie ?
2. To find out the typologies of idiom applied by three main characters of Dumb and Dumber movie ?

1.4 Significance of the study

The result of this research is hopefully useful for learners who want to identify idiom with its types and typologies. So, they get better understanding about idiom when reading text with many idioms. The researcher also expects that the result of this research can be an alternative reference for learners who want to identify Dumb and dumber movie from different prespective, particularly the idiom use. For teachers, the result of this research can hopefully help them knowing more examples of idiom that they can use as a part of their teaching

idiom in class. For next researchers, the result of this research can give broader understanding about idiom that researchers can use when conducting further enquiry about idioms.

1.5 Scope and Limitation

The scope of this research is the idiomatic expressions which are found in Dumb and Dumber movie. It is limited to the idiomatic expressions which are spoken by the three main characters (Harry, Lloyd, and Marry).

1.6 Definition of key terms

This research uses some terms which is related to the title. It is the definition of Idiom, typology, expression, movie, and phrase.

1. Idiom

Idioms are combinations of words whose meaning is difficult to get just by understanding the meaning of individual word (O'Dell and McCarthy, 2010)

2. Typology

Typology is the study of structural differences of languages (Vellupilai, 2012)

3. Expression

Expression is the activity of conveying someone's experience (Ridley, 2011)

4. Movie

Movie is a narrative whose form is in visual and audio imagery to attract the viewers (Benyahia and Mortimer, 2013)

5. Comedy

Comedy is a work that is made in some way to make viewers laugh (King, 2002)

